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## Rep. Snyder Releases Statement Following Foster Care Task Force First Hearing

Committee held first informational meeting in Madison

**MADISON** –Yesterday, the Speaker's Task Force on Foster Care held its first informational hearing in Madison. The committee heard from a number of organizations who are involved in the foster care system. Representative Snyder (Schofield), co-chair of the task force, released the following statement in response to the hearing:

"Yesterday, we heard from many groups who are truly the experts in this field. They are the ones who are out in our communities, dealing with the system day in and day out. There was a wide variety or perspectives- from ways we can recruit and retain foster parents, ways we can assist those who are working in the system, and ways we can help those who are aging out.

When we bring all key players to the table, we are making sure every voice is heard. It was reassuring to see the passion and dedication of those who work to make sure every child in Wisconsin is given the chance to succeed."

The informational hearing kicked-off a series of stops the committee plans to make over the next few months. Following the hearings, the committee is tasked with introducing a package of bills that aim to assist those involved in the child welfare system.

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